November 27, 2019

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Subject: <u>Conditional Approval of Pond 3 Certification, Alton Coal Development, LLC, Coal
Hollow Mine, C/025/0005, Task #6009</u>

Dear Mr. Nicholes:

The above-referenced amendment is approved conditioned upon receipt of 2 clean
copies prepared for incorporation. Please submit these copies by December 27, 2019. Once we
receive these copies, final approval will be granted.

A stamped incorporated copy of the approved plans will also be returned to you at that
time, for insertion into your copy of the Mining and Reclamation Plan.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5350.

Sincerely,

Steve Christensen
Coal Program Manager

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Technical Analysis and Findings

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

PID:	**C0250005**
TaskID:	**6009**
Mine Name:	**COAL HOLLOW**
Title:	**POND 3 CERTIFICATION**

Operation Plan

Hydrologic Ponds Impoundments Banks Dams

Analysis:

The application meets the State of Utah R645 requirements for Hydrologic: Ponds, Impoundments, Banks.

The Permittee has updated Chapter 7 to include as-built storage volumes for the approved sediment ponds at the mine facility. This information added information will assist in keeping clear any differences in the approved design volumes of the sediment ponds and the as-built storage volumes. In all cases, Chapter 7 now clearly shows that the sediment ponds meet the minimum design requirements and, as in the case of Pond 3, exceed the minimum requirements.

Chapter 7 was also updated to clearly state that pit water can be routed to either Pond 3 or Pond 4, as requested in the last submittal of this application (Task ID 5996).

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